(b) and (c) No surrender or diversion of funds has been reported by the State Govt. of Bihar.

[*English*]

Homes for the Aged

3219. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are assisting the States for providing home for the aged; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Chapter on Ecology and Environment In Text Books

3220. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government propose to issue guidelines to the State Governments to introduce atleast two chapters on ecology and environment in the text books of each language from the primary stage onwards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the concepts related to Ecology and Environment are suitably covered by integrating them with relevant topics in the textbooks of different subjects for all stages of school education.

Allocation of Funds for Preservation and Promotion of Tribal Languages

3211. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether funds have not been allocated for preservation and development of tribal languages so far;

(b) the total number of tribal languages in the country; and

(c) whether all these tribal languages are proposed to be promoted as a part of cultural heritage of tribals ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH : (a) A Sum of Rs. 1839.80 lakhs has been tentatively allocated for development of modern Indian Languages including tribal languages for the current financial year.

(b) and (c) The Central Institute of Indian Languages, subordinate office of the Department has taken up study of some tribal languages for their development.

A list of three major mother tongues in the States/UTs spoken by Scheduled Tribes having more than 5000 population has been given in Statements 1(a) and 1(b) of Census of India 1981 (Series-I India) Part-IX (ii), copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.